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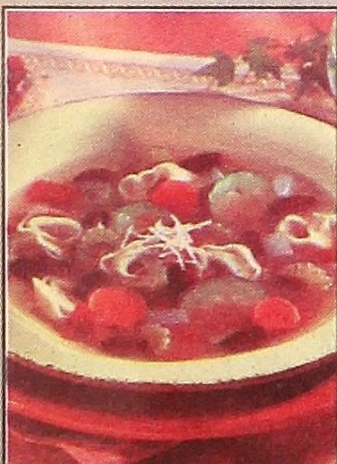
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## District will help residents build, refinance

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Home improvements or refinancing a piece of real estate just got easier for residents living in downtown Romulus with the approval of a zoning overlay district for the perimeter of downtown.

The transition district, which will allow for several types of properties along Wayne and Goddard roads extending to the Five Points area, will help residents and business owners who live in the district by eliminating the need for a long, drawn out planning commission or zoning board of appeals procedure if they need to re-model or refinance.

Cindy Lyon, city planning director,

said the new district helps the city better deal with several non-conforming properties.

"We have several properties that don't comply with the current zoning, and every time one of them wants to refinance or add onto their property, they have to come before the city to get an approval," she said.

"This way, the zoning will allow for businesses and homes in the district," she said "Ultimately, it will be easier for residents. And we hope it provides better conditions for people who want to live in the area. For a downtown to be successful, it's crucial to have people living nearby, and to have the right mix of business and residential."

By law, anyone who wishes to

alter an existing structure or refinance a property must make every effort to comply with the zoning in place at the time the improvement would be made, not when the property was originally constructed. That means any improvements would have to go through the planning commission or the zoning board of appeals.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Maria Lambert said she hopes the new district will encourage improvements to existing structures.

"We had been looking for this for a while," she said. "There are many programs we are introducing and are working on to improve this area because it is and can be a huge benefit to the city." Some of the programs include façade

enhancement programs and looking for businesses to locate downtown. The overall goal of the DDA is to create a more pedestrian, user-friendly downtown.

The city had two public hearings on the issue, and the planning commission and city council debated the plan. There are several standards that will still need to be met as required by the city master plan.

Councilman William Crova said approving the new provisions was a no-brainer.

"This was a win-win for every one, especially people that want to refinance their homes," he said. "I do think there was some initial confusion – the first meetings we

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## Candidate forum scheduled

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host a "Meet the Candidates After 5" forum will be at the Romulus Best Western Hotel at 99 Wickham Road.

The forum is an informal opportunity to meet and ask questions of all candidates in the race for city council, mayor and treasurer.

This year, 16 people are seeking seven open city council seats, two are campaigning for treasurer, and two for mayor.

So far, all but one candidate has agreed to meet with residents.

City spokeswoman Kathleen Trent said the venue for the forum had to be changed because the number of residents anticipated exceeded expectations.

The forum is the only opportunity to meet candidates together and ask specific questions or express concerns personally before the election.

The forum will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19. The event is open to the general public and there is no charge.

For further information, call the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-4290 or visit their web site at [www.romuluschamber.org](http://www.romuluschamber.org).

The general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 8.



## Breaking ground

Warehousing company First Industrial broke ground on a new, 350,000 square-foot facility in a ceremony last week. The company, which stores parts for the automotive industry and other companies, has planned on expanding current operations in Romulus for about two years. Pictured left to right are Romulus City Councilman Leroy Burcroff, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Councilman William Crova and Christopher McGrath, senior development officer for First Industrial. The new facility is expected to bring additional revenue and a handful of jobs to the community.

## Local business donates land to schools

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A generous donation from a local business could mean Romulus Community Schools students could enjoy a new nature preserve if the district accepts the donation of 25 acres of wetlands near Wayne Road.

Elro Corp. of Romulus made a proposal to the Romulus

Community School Board Monday night, citing that the schools could use the land to enhance science programs, said schools spokesman Dick Kruse.

"The land can't be developed and is completely vacant," he said. "It would be a great asset to have buses drop students and teachers off to conduct experiments and learn more about the ecosystem that's already there."

School board member Tom Kuderick said he will investigate the possibility of taking on the land to make sure there is no contamination or anything that could lead to problems.

"He's an executive for Waste Management," said Kruse. "So he's used to dealing with these sorts of things. We just want to make sure that everything is OK."



# Good and 'Reddy'

## Local fire chief returns from hurricane rescue efforts

Scott Spielman  
Editor

"It's good to be back," Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy said last week.

Reddy and Westland Firefighter Kelly Eggers returned last Sunday from a 30-day deployment in Louisiana, where they were instrumental in several areas of the recovery effort in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

"We really got to see all the different aspects of it," he said. "Not only did we have to participate, we had to set it up."

Reddy said he knew he wanted to help with the relief efforts as soon as he saw scenes of the devastation in the Gulf Coast on television. He chose Eggers to accompany him because he was the first person that called and volunteered.

They decided on Sunday, Sept. 4 and left on Tuesday after being fully inoculated. The only things they took were what they could carry on their backs.

"They told us to bring plenty of bug spray and first aid supplies," Reddy said.

As a fire chief with experience in Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) training, Reddy proved to be in high

demand in the storm battered region. Most rescue workers stayed in one place during their 30-day deployment, but not Reddy and Eggers; they were called to help out in several different areas.

They helped set up distribution centers, they worked at food banks, they worked on search and rescue operations, they set up shelters and worked to provide long-term housing for displaced victims, even helped them get money and look for work.

They also spent time in Slidell, LA, working with the St. Tammany Fire Department. Reddy was reunited there with Chief Larry Hess – the two attended the national fire academy together. The department was virtually in tatters, having lost five of their seven stations during the hurricane and they had to put out as many as 10-13 fires every day as the power gradually returned to the region.

Reddy said the devastation was staggering.

"We drove 30 miles in one direction and there was just nothing there," he said. "The eerie thing was that there was no people."

He also visited other damaged area, like downtown New Orleans, where he said the stench was unbelievable.



Firefighters had to overcome unusual obstacles on their quest to help victims – like homes that had been blown into the middle of the road.

"The smell has not left us yet," he said. They were evacuated by the military in one area because the crowd had become unruly, but he said, by and large everyone was thankful for the work they did.

The recovery had the potential to be mind-numbing, but Reddy said that firefighter training kicked in. The key to solve a problem so vast, he said, is to tackle it a piece at a time.

"You just took it one task at a time," he said. "You identify a problem, solve the problem and move on to the next one. Every day it was something different."



The American Flag was one of the only things left unscathed at one of five St. Tammany fire stations leveled by Katrina. Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy, right, and Slidell, LA Chief Larry Hess raised the flag at the station.

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# Councilwoman touts activism in mayor's race

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Debbie Romak said she knows exactly why she's seeking the office of mayor, and it might not be for some of the reasons others suspect.

"I'm just a mom that tried to do some good in her community, and I think I've accomplished a lot as a council person," she said. "I'm running for mayor not because I think things are going badly, but because I bring a different perspective to the office."

Romak – a lifelong resident of Romulus who has been married to her husband, Ted, for more than 30 years – said she understands some of the hardships people face and would work to give them a hand up while serving as a watchdog for the city.

"We have some good things going on here, and the recreation center is one of them," she said. "We used TIFA (Tax Increment Financing Authority) funds for the center, but everyone on council was so happy to see that we could

have the center that they didn't ask about ongoing expenses – where is that money going to come from for staffing, or for maintenance? We can't necessarily use TIFA dollars for that purpose."

Romak said she's built her life in public service around asking questions few would ask. A councilwoman for 10 years, she first came to prominence in Romulus as an advocate against the controversial injection well proposal. She later served as an environmental liaison to Congresswoman Lynn Rivers. Romak is known for questioning the administration. She makes no apologies.

"We are elected to represent the people, it's that simple," she said. "It's incumbent upon us to do what we think is right"

As a councilwoman, Romak has served as the council representative on the planning commission, the chairwoman of the master plan steering committee, and again as an environmental liaison to the council. She has won several awards for environmentalism:

She was the 2001 winner of the Petosky Award, which is given by the Michigan Environmental Council for leadership and an Award of Special Recognition by the same body. She was also given the Environmental Achievement Award by the Ecology Center, an Ann Arbor-based advocacy group.

Romak said her candidacy, and her first priorities if she is elected mayor would be public safety, development and improving communications between residents and their government.

"Public safety is something we don't have to think about too often, because our police officers and firefighters do a great job," she said. "But we will need to do something more to support them as the community grows. We're going through so many changes right now. Whoever is elected mayor will need to make sure we have the resources to meet the demands of a growing population. There's going to come a time when we need more officers, and unfortunately, there just isn't a lot of money – no matter how good

(some officials) are saying it is."

Finding more ways to lure retailers is also important, Romak said. "It's kind of silly that to grocery shop we have to leave the city," she said. "People are going to expect these things. We can talk about casinos – those things are good – but we really need more local shopping to simplify our lives."

Romak would also support more outreach on behalf of local and elected officials. "It's really important that we hit the ground running in asking people what they want and need," she said. "Sometimes, what we think people want is not always what we think. I've been in every neighborhood during this race and others, and I've always been surprised at some of the responses (from residents)."

Romak currently works as the manager of the Polka Dot Party Store in Romulus. A graduate of Romulus High School, she resists the notion that a person needs to be college educated to hold public office.



Debbie Romak

"Formal education is a good thing, but what really matters is that you have the drive to serve and the heart to serve," she said.

Romak knows there is the chance she may lose the election, which will mean she will be out of city government at least until 2009. That prospect doesn't scare her one bit.

"I was a loud presence at city council before I was elected to council and I have no problem going back," she said. "But I'm not going away."

## News In Brief

### Dinner helps handicapped residents

The Romulus Rotary Club has scheduled the 31st annual Continental Dinner for Oct. 20.

This year, the dinner will take pace at the St. Steven's facility in New Boston. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m.

As one of the largest fundraisers and social events of the club, the fundraiser raises money for projects like wheelchair ramps for residents in need and the Romulus Rotary Parade of Lights.

For tickets or further information call Ron Hopson at (734) 941-3635 or Kris Moe at (734) 941-7224.

### Romulus woman wins YWCA honor

The YWCA of Western Wayne County has announced the winners of the 14th Annual Woman of the Year contest.

Lucille Flint is the top winner in the volunteer category this year. She shares the honor with five other women who were chosen in categories of government, arts, business and senior advocacy. Flint is the president of the Western Wayne County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

An overall Woman of the Year, Tower Automotive President and CEO Kathleen Ligocki, will also be honored.

Flint will pick up her award at the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon on Oct. 27 at the Dearborn Inn. The event begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. Tickets for the Women of Achievement Awards are \$40 each. For tickets or for more information, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

### Pre-school story time begins

Pre-school story time has been scheduled at the Romulus Public Library on Wednesday mornings until Nov. 16 and Thursday evenings until Nov. 17.

Wednesday morning sessions will begin at 10:30, and Thursday evening sessions will begin at 6:30.

Story time is open to all children ages 3 to 5 years old. The Romulus Public Library is located next door to city hall at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

## District - DDA pleased with results

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had on this were well-attended – among residents until they learned more about what we wanted to do. This allows us to have all sorts of residential areas and businesses in the area, which was our goal."

Lyon said that the overlay dis-

trict is only a small component of city efforts to revitalize the downtown area.

"Zoning alone is not meant to drive businesses into the area," she said. "It's just not set up to do that. "But it can help create a better environment for the people who live there and the people that might want to locate a business in the downtown area."

## Recreation programs will have new home

The fall 2005 parks and recreation program in Romulus will likely be the last season that activities are not based at the new, \$1.9 million city facility. Officials broke ground on the newest part of the facility Wednesday on a parcel of land at Wayne and Northline roads.

Herb Buckley, city parks and recreation director, said the new program has a lot of activities that residents will enjoy, but that can be better executed once the new facility opens next year.

"We have a lot of good programs, but we're at the whim of other people," said Buckley. "Right now, we're mostly based in the schools – and if they have an event, we're bumped. This new facility will make our programs bigger and better."

Nevertheless, many old favorites and new youth programs have been introduced.

For children, gymnastics will begin the second session of the season on Nov. 21. The program is divided into three age groups to make sure participants receive get age-appropriate instruction. All classes will take place from 6-6:45 p.m. for those ages 3-4, from 6:45-7:30 p.m. for ages 5-7, and from 7:30-8:15 p.m. for those 8 and over, on Monday afternoon.

After school soccer will take place at each of the elementary schools that are part of Romulus Community Schools. The program begins after school concludes for the day and lasts until 5 p.m. Classes are supervised and will take place at Barth, Cory, Halecreek, Merriman, Romulus and Wick elementary schools. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, floor hockey takes place until 5 p.m. at Barth, Cory, Halecreek and Romulus Elementary Schools.

Martial arts plays a big role in the parks programs. Tae Kwon Do classes are scheduled to take place at the gym of Romulus High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for beginners and 7:30-8:30 p.m. for advanced students. The classes cost \$50 per student for one student, \$85 per session for two family members and \$120 per session for three family members.

Tang Soo Do – the original form of Tae Kwon Do – will also be taught beginning Oct. 25 and ending Dec. 1. at the senior center on Northline Road Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.. The class covers traditional self-defense techniques and is open to individuals 3 years old and up.

For a complete listing of youth and adult recreation programs, stop by city hall at 11111 Wayne Road, or call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 341-8665.

## Officials seek more input on new school sites

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Van Buren Public School Board members postponed the new high school site selection decision on Monday and opted to tack on two more town hall meetings for further public input. The additional meetings will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 18 and 19 in the Belleville High School cafeteria.

"The discussion has been very beneficial and healthy, but because of the community input, I would encourage the two extra meetings," said Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of schools. "Ninety-nine percent of what we could have done to get the information out we have done. I, too, would have liked to have seen a better turnout, but what we do have at this point is a little clearer."

So far, the preliminary results from the previous meetings, emails and telephone responses indicate that the top two choices for the site are the southeast corner of Sumpter and Hull roads with the additional 40 acres and the current high school site on Columbia Street in Belleville.

"Out of the people that did take the time to respond there was a clear separation of those two sites," said Ralph Nodwell, vice-president of the school board.

"The meetings would be for those additional sites. It's up to the voters of this community and this is a narrow track for us to be going on."

The other site locations include: the west corner of Sumpter and Hull Roads, the east corner of Sumpter and Hull Roads, the I-94 North Service Drive and the Wayne County

Community College Western Campus District (WCCCD). The millage levied for each proposal range from 2.55 mills to 3.05 mills, while the project total ranges from \$97 million up to \$116 million.

Each proposal would also include a technology fee to upgrade the district with fiber-optic Internet.

Trustees Martha Toth and Keith Johnston, said the Sumpter and Hull roads site would be the best option because of property size and flexibility.

"If I had to chose right now I'd go with that site," said Johnston. "It's a nice property with room for growth. It would also leave more options with the old building here."

The school board could make a site recommendation as early as the Oct. 24 school board meeting.



# OPINION

## A good beginning

State legislators loosened their purse strings recently to provide school districts across the state another \$175 per pupil.

It might seem like a lot of money, when factored out for the respective districts and officials will most likely tell you that every dime they get from the state is appreciated.

They'll also tell you that it's not enough.

In most cases, it amounts to about a 2 percent increase in funding, per child. We're generalizing a little bit here because every district is different, with different foundation grants.

That increase, though, does not keep pace with the rate of inflation, in general, or the increased costs of operating our schools. This comes at a time when increases in the cost of retirement funds have increased dramatically, health care costs have gone through the roof and even the cost of utilities are sky-rocketing. Each of those issues on their own could significantly eat away at the additional funds. The additional \$175 does little more than reimburse the districts for executive order cuts made during the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years.

It doesn't cover the costs of doing business in a modern school district.

School officials have tried to point this out to the legislature. They've lobbied on their own and brought thousands of concerned parents and teachers to the steps of the capitol to make their voices heard.

So far, they've seen little response.

It's not as if they are merely asking for more money to throw at an existing problem. In large part, our local school administrators and school boards have done an exemplary job of preparing for the proverbial rainy day. They just couldn't predict that that rainy day would be so wet or so long.

They've tried to weather the storm, taking money from their fund balances in order to provide the same services they feel our children deserve. In a way, they're being punished for their fiscal responsibility of the last several years.

Clearly, something has to give here. School officials are running out of options. They've seen their budget surpluses dry up as they try to tackle issues pushed onto them from the state and federal government.

This session, legislators will tackle issues as varied as keeping insurance costs down to keeping themselves in office a little longer.

Let's hope they also try to find a way to help out the schools, even if it's simply to give them the opportunity to help themselves.

## Start planning now

It's been a relatively quiet election season in the City of Wayne.

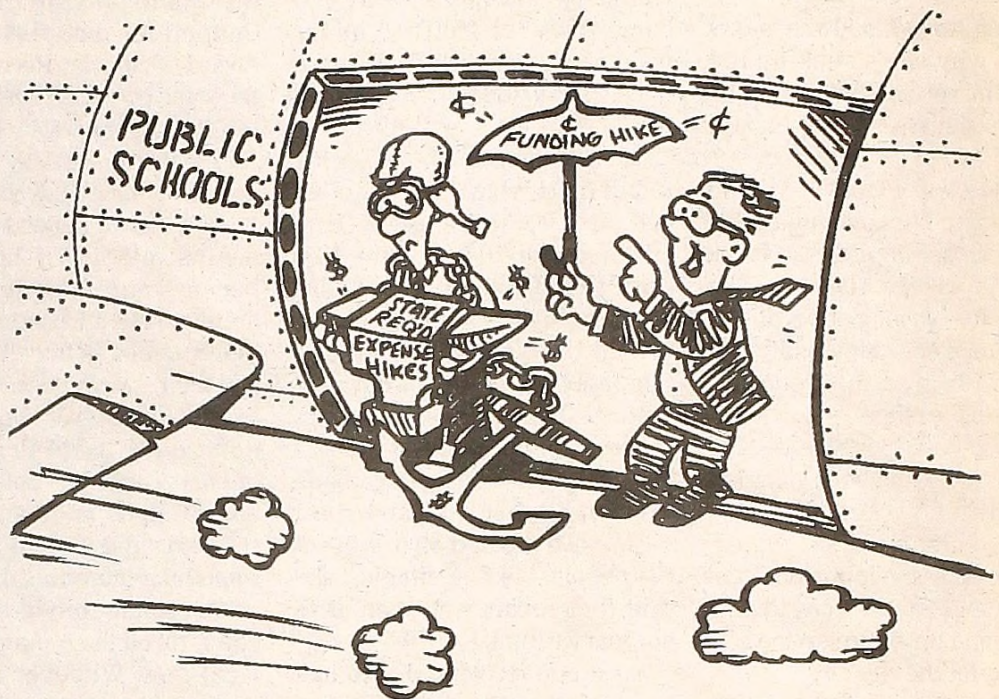
A few lawn signs are scattered throughout the community, a few pieces of literature has found its way to mailboxes, but other than that it's difficult to tell there's a contested mayoral election coming up in a few weeks.

Maybe that's the reason why there hasn't been a lot of discussion on a typically hot campaign issue: the idea of updating the city Master Plan. That topic last came up during the last city commission race and disappeared shortly after that.

Well, maybe it's time to bring it up again.

The city recently took part in the Urban Design Studio, an urban planning brainstorming session put on through Andrews University that will ultimately provide suggestions on how to form and promote traditional downtown neighborhoods. The final presentation will be given to the city in December.

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"DON'T FORGET YOUR NEW PARACHUTE!!"

## So long, and thanks for the ideas

Dear Prof. Andrew von Maur:

I just wanted to drop a line to say thank you for the work you and your student crew recently did here in the City of Wayne.

I was excited about the Urban Design Studio project almost as soon as it was proposed and I liked it even more when I learned additional details about it. I'm glad the city took part.

We didn't get too many opportunities to talk while you were here because you were always directing your students, talking with and fielding questions from residents (which was also a good thing to see – the strong turnout from us Waynites), so you might not know why I was so personally looking forward to the project. In addition to working at the local paper, I'm a resident of this city and – as I'm always telling people in places like Northville and Plymouth, which I also cover – Wayne is a great city that sometimes needs a little help.

When I walk downtown or drive through on that huge state trunkline, I can feel the potential in this town hovering just out of sight. I always thought all it needed was for one person to take a chance, invest in a prime piece of land and then everything else would follow.

I pictured that happening on Wayne Road or Michigan Avenue, perhaps with what you would call a 'liner building' on the edge of one of those vast parking lots. Your concepts to concentrate on the center part of town, between the two Michigan Avenues, took me a little by surprise. It seems obvious now, though, brought into sudden clarity like

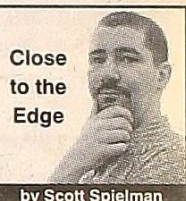
those irritating posters you find at shopping mall kiosks.

It's certainly a grand vision and I hope it happens, someday. I know that this is something that won't happen any time soon, though. This may well be a cross generational concept, something that those of us around now will stop and revisit a few decades in the future – if we're not still hanging around town, that is (a great many of us do that).

The reason why I was – and still am – excited about the project is not because I'll have another story to tell my grandkids. It gave me something that I needed right now. It helped rekindle my enthusiasm and optimism for the city. That had faded in the past few years, sullied by unneighborly neighbors and an economy that seemed a bit sluggish.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not someone who hinges the future of the city on the success or failure of this program or how quickly the city officials and business people act on it. Wayne will progress one way or another. I think, though, that this is something that will attract interest from a number of different sectors – the standing ovation you and your team received at the end of your presentation was a testament to that. It will help build momentum, spark a new way of thinking of problems and generate new ideas for the future.

I look forward to the end concept when it comes in December. In the meantime, take note that your time here was well spent. You've helped re-inspire a diverse crowd of interested residents.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Just a personal observation

From the day I started this job—a year ago yesterday, actually—I noticed something the first day I took a stroll around Plymouth.

It's a very nice, quiet, peaceful community. There's always something to do, and the people seem really nice.

There was, however, something I didn't—and still don't—see. That's somebody who looks like me. I'm not talking about someone wearing jeans and a nice shirt, or a guy who looks like he doesn't have a lot of trouble with the ladies.

I'll just get to the point: There is no diversity in Plymouth whatsoever. Sometimes, when I'm walking down Main Street, I feel like I got dropped into an episode of *The Brady Bunch* or the sequel to *Pleasantville*.

I'll admit, for the first couple of months I was on the beat, it bothered me a little bit. Whenever I'd walk into a room or a meeting I'd get this vibe that, under their breath, people were saying "What the hell's he doing here?"

Everyone I've had to deal with has been really

nice to me, which made it easier to make the transition. I might have been off base to say there was no diversity in the community. I remember seeing a few people of color at Art in the Park and at the Ice Festival last winter. But by just driving around various neighborhoods, I am making the assumption that there are no people of color who live in Plymouth.

Maybe it's that not too many people know about the community. It does seem like everyone who lives there was born and raised there. Lots of communities are like that. My mom wants to move and I tell her she should look at two places: Canton and Plymouth. The schools are great, it's safe, there's always something to do and I can stop by and eat lunch sometimes when I'm in the area.

I don't feel nervous when I go to different events now. That's probably because I've been around long enough for people to get to know me. Maybe, when I can afford it, I'll find a nice spot on Harvey Street.



Bank Shot

by Jason Carmel Davis

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If you are disturbed by what you see remember, truth can do that. Even more disturbing are the attempts today to muzzle journalists and keep truth from you.

In recent years, politicians and huge corporations have orchestrated a treacherous anti- news media campaign in America that journalists are the bad guys.

## Area mourns Stanley Sliwa

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Stanley Sliwa Jr.—better known as “ski cat”—will always be remembered for his devotion to Sumpter Township, particularly the fire department.

“His family and the fire department were the two most important things to him,” said Less Powell, fire chief of Sumpter Township.

Mr. Sliwa, 68, died last Sunday at his cabin in Grass Lake.

He retired in his hometown, Sumpter Township, with his late wife, Joyce Ann, who died in 1996. They raised three children—Tina Stephanoff, Cindy Waddell and Mike Sliwa. He also has three grandchildren—Jay Stephanoff, Briant Waddell and Dwayne Waddell—and one great-grandchild—Christopher Stephanoff.

Mr. Sliwa began his career in the Sumpter Township Fire Department in 1956, served as assistant fire chief and fire chief for more than 40 years.

“When he started here, the phones for the fire station were in houses, so he would get those calls, jump into his bib overalls and shirt and jump right into the truck,” said Powell, who is also his cousin. “He was one of those guys who was never overpowering and got along with everybody; a reliable person.”

“He always liked to have things done the way they were supposed to be done,” said Rick Brown, assistant fire chief. “He

loved the fire department and his work so much. If he were here today he'd be in this fire station right now.”

Mr. Sliwa was a member of many organizations including: the Belleville Moose Lodge 934, the Sumpter Civic Club, the Satellites, the Piston Pushers and the Westside Rods and Customs. He was also a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville.

Mr. Sliwa enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and spending time at his cabin. He also loved custom made street rods and using the CB radio, where he went by the handle “ski cat.”

“He's Polish and every Polish name ends in ‘ski’ so it became his handle, even though Sliwa doesn't end in a ‘ski,’” said Powell.

His co-workers from the Sumpter Township Fire Department and family members said that Mr. Sliwa will be remembered for his happy-go-lucky attitude and dedication to the fire department.

“He knew lots of people and he was always smiling,” said Powell. “When I looked over and saw that Stan was on the controls I knew it was all right. He used to say he was coming to the fire station ‘at a high rate of fuel consumption’ which meant he's getting there as fast as he can.”

“There's a big hole in this area without him. He knew a lot of people because he was an outgoing, friendly person,” said Sliwa.

## Plans

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It's a few months away, but it still might be a good time to dust off the master plan and think about how it can be modified or updated – or if it needs to be.

The preliminary schematics and sketches outlined by the students from Andrews University will probably generate debate for months, if not years to come. Some of the concepts they put forth may well stretch the capabilities of the city planning commission to fully evaluate them and to chart recommendations for the city council to implement.

Obviously, not all of the items in the plans will be worth following up on; some will be better concepts than realistic goals.

Even so, this could be a crucial time for the city, which has long touted its goal to spark revitalization in the downtown area.

We're not questioning that commitment or the work that has gone on before these talented youngsters came in with fresh eyes. We just see this as an opportunity for the city to gain a little more momentum.

City officials should feel pretty good about themselves because a number of the things suggested by Andrews University have been in the works. They also no doubt recognize the importance of the strong turnout throughout the design charrette process. There are a lot of interested citizens out there, a lot of optimism despite the tough economic times.

Our electeds have long talked about getting more and younger people involved in the community.

Here's a perfect chance to start. The city should capitalize on that interest, that optimism and provide an outlet for more positive discussions.

An update to the city master plan – or at least starting the process – would be a good place to start.

The powers-to-be constantly pressure and threaten anyone trying to make information public.

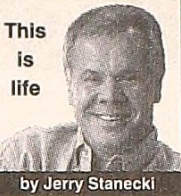
Judith Miller, for example, *New York Times* reporter, jailed for 85 days because she refused to disclose sources in conversations she never reported. Federal Judge Thomas Hogan sent Miller to jail in connection with an investigation into whether the White House disclosed the name of a CIA operative Valerie Plame in an effort to punish her husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who had accused the Bush administration of exaggerating intelligence the President used to invade Iraq.

There is real and immediate need to pass a national “Shield Law” to protect

your rights as citizens, so journalists can continue to inform without fear of repercussion. Information is power, to withhold it from you makes you powerless.

Today, television networks are owned by big business. ABC—Disney. NBC/General Electric, CBS/Viacom, corporations interested in one thing—making vast sums of money and not in the welfare of you and I and this great country.

*Good Night, and Good Luck* is a vital reminder to all of us to get off our apathetic butts and fight back. I urge you to see it, then tell every one of your freedom loving friends to see it.



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# Master plan input sought

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

If Mayor Tom Fielder could have one dream fulfilled for the City of Belleville, he would bring a community center to the area.

"If we didn't have to worry about money and could get the project done right away, that would be my ultimate project I would like to see happen," he said.

A community center is just an example of the many ideas to revamp Belleville as part of the master plan update.

The Belleville Planning Commission will spearhead the initiative and invite the public to attend the master plan visioning workshop from 9:05-11:05 a.m. on Saturday at the United Methodist Church, located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

"I envision this not only a part of the usual process we do every five years or so, but it is certainly instrumental for our community as far as enhancements in parks, traffic and other things that would make the community a better place to live," said Fielder.

According to Gary Rose, chair of the planning commission, the group, along with consultant Terry Croad from McKenna Associates, will go through the highlights of past meetings as well as any new information that should be included.

"We're looking for input on what's come out in the past to discuss and prioritize those ideas," he said. "Of course any other new things that might come out are welcome too."

The master land use plan is the foundation for city zoning and development policies. It includes guidelines for residential development, design standards, strategies for protecting natural resources and improvements to community facilities.

During the previous workshops, four main points—the downtown area, recreation, economic development and density—were discussed in an effort to get the general perception of the community image, trends, demographics and land use. Citizens expressed concern about upgrades to park areas, landscaping improvements and other enhancements, Rose said.

Many residents agreed that top priorities for the updated master plan should include: keeping the library centrally located in the city, opening up Belleville Lake for more entertainment purposes; a future community center for both the city and the township and re-developing the downtown area.

Planning Commissioner Toby Leis said he would like to see a variety of businesses in the area.

"More restaurants and more friendly service stores, that's what I would personally like to see," he said.

"The uniqueness of the community is the waterfront and the property that touches it; people are here because it's a special, unique place by the water. Now we need to ask how to make use of that," said Fielder. "It could be restaurants on the water and building from that."

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

#### Notice of Public Hearing

October 18, 2005

#### Community Development Block Grant Use of Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Charter Township of Van Buren, Township Board at 7:30 p.m., October 18, 2005, at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the hearing is to hear and consider a proposal to transfer \$60,000 from the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Housing Demolition category to a Housing Assistance category to provide temporary housing assistance for eligible Hurricane Katrina disaster victims that are being relocated into Van Buren Township.

This proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds is eligible under National Objective to meet an urgent need resulting from a natural disaster.

These program activities will be administered in accordance with all of the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing you may submit written comments to the Township Clerk's Office until 5:00 PM October 18, 2005

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Van Buren

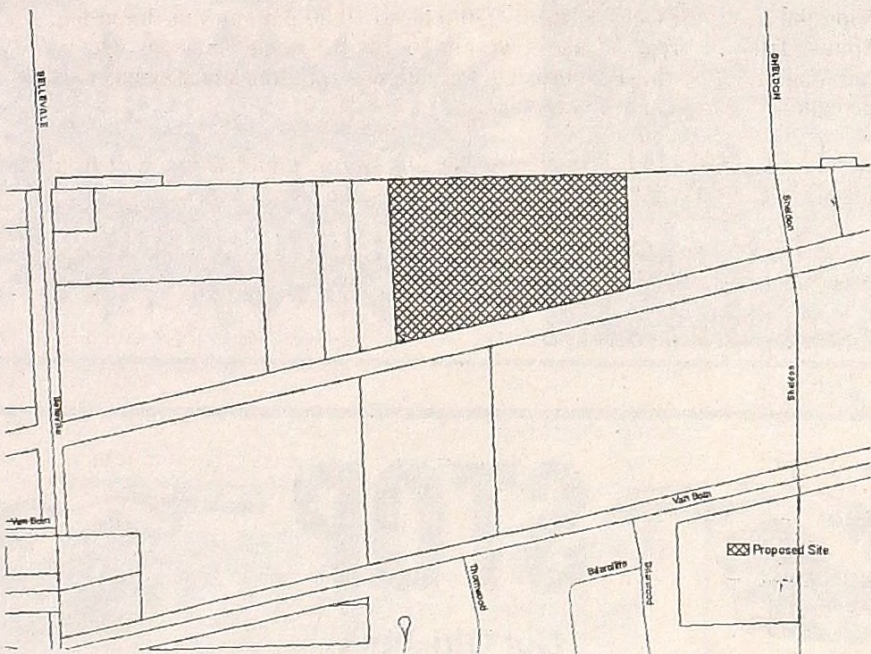
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday October 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-010-99-0001-000 approximately 12.63 acres proposed to be rezoned from M-1 Light Industrial District to M-2 General Industrial.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the south side of Yost between Belleville and Sheldon Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of October 26, 2005.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

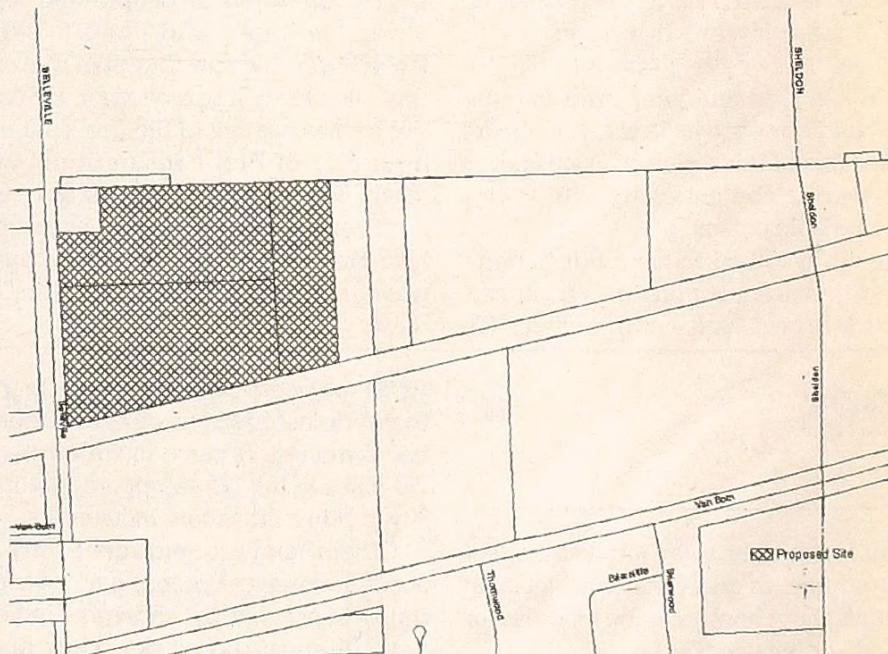
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday October 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-010-99-0007-000, V125-83-010-99-0008-000 & V125-83-99-0010-000 approximately 21.23 acres proposed to be rezoned from M-1 Light Industrial District to M-2 General Industrial.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between Yost and Van Born Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of October 26, 2005.

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Plan

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One of the major challenges for the city will be to spur development with limited land.

“Anytime you live in a crowded city,

you’re restricted by space,” said Fielder.

“I see the old downtown being replaced with a new one, which would increase shopping ability and density as far as the population goes. I don’t see any other alternative,” said Leis.

In the past, attendance at the sessions has been sparse. Commission members and

city officials hope to change that and receive more participation from residents.

“You’ve got to remember that when we did the first master plan update there was such a good turnout from a variety of people—school officials, seniors citizens and public officials,” said Leis. “This time, we were disappointed because not too many people came. We’re hoping to have more from the public. We encourage their thoughts on how to achieve growth.”

City officials did say Belleville’s popula-

tion, about 4,000 people, has seen a recent fluctuation in the new demographics, which can be used to their advantage.

“We’ve had a large turnover of people so maybe it’s time for a change. It’s good to hear from the new people,” said Fielder. “The philosophy is to apply this process to everyone. The public should drive around the community, get the feel for the entire community, be aware of what is currently here and then comment on the overall goals they would like to achieve.”

CITY OF ROMULUS  
NOTICE TO ELECTORS  
Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2005, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, are physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older.

Notice is further given that Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk’s Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m for the acceptance thereof.

“**LATE**” **ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS** will be accepted from any registered elector between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m on the day before the election, Monday, November 7, 2005 if the voter shall personally appear at the Clerk’s office. Said ballot may not be taken out of the Clerk’s office but must be voted immediately.

**EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS** will be issued to any registered elector prior to 4:00 p.m. on Election Day if he/she shall become physically disabled or shall be absent from the City of Romulus because of sickness or death in the family which occurred at a time that has made it impossible to apply for Absentee Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
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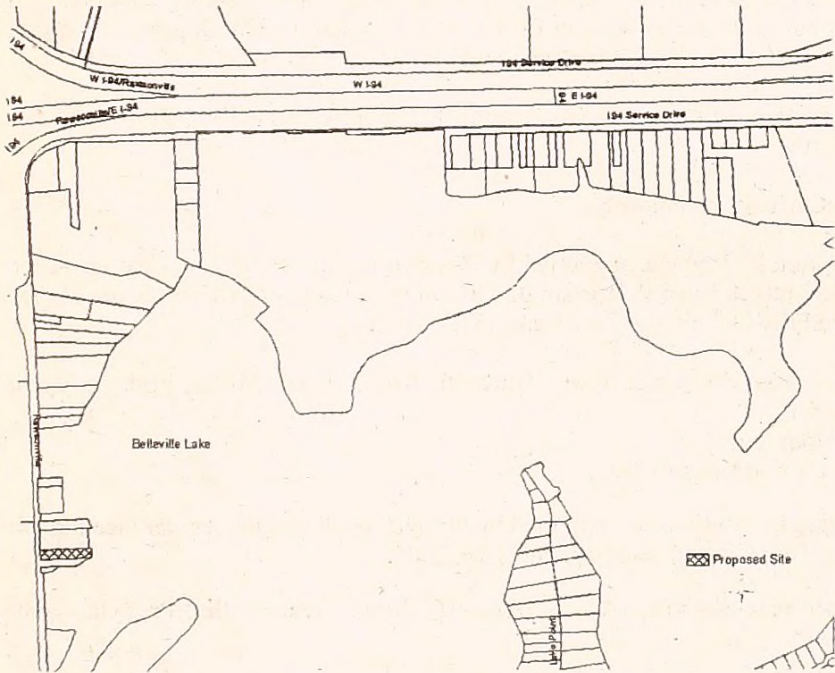
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111 on **Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-075-99-0003-000, or more commonly known as 2459 Rawsonville Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting Planning Commission approval to construct a pole barn with area that exceeds the maximum permitted by the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended by 126 square feet.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2005. In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Deputy Director Smolen, Secretary Cline and an audience of seven (7).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of September 19, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Budget Preparation Meeting Minutes of September 26, 27 and 28, 2005 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Downriver Community Conference located at 15100 Northline Road in Southgate. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-30 honoring the City of Belleville – 100th Anniversary. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-31 Belleville Business and Professional Women’s Week. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the appointment of Dr. Marnie Grant to the Environmental Commission with at term to expire October 1, 2006. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the October 4, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. The “Haunted Forest” will be held Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. The “Annual Trick or Treat” at the Township Hall will be held Thursday, October 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

On Thursday, October 27th the Belleville High School Band will hold three Halloween Concerts at Belleville High School Auditorium.

Deputy Director Smolen announced National Fire Prevention week is October 9th through October 15th.

On Monday, October 24th the Citizens to Help Improve Public Safety (CHIPS) and the 100 Club will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Beck Road.

The Belleville Professional Women is looking for volunteers to work at their Reality Store to be held at North Middle School on Wednesday, October 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

On Wednesday, November 9th the Belleville Professional Women will be hosting their annual Fashion Show at the Woodlands of Van Buren.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

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OBITUARIES

GARCIA, Gail

Gail Dianne Garcia, 71, a life-long resident of Belleville, died Sept. 26.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 51 years, Jose Rogerio Garcia; children, Jose R. (Jenny) Garcia, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Audrey (Bob) Lulo of Tennessee, Juan Garcia of Belleville, Angelina Garcia of Florida, Jesus “Pete” (Connie) Garcia, and Justino “Jack” (Chrissy) Garcia, both of Belleville; a brother, Doug (Bernice) Webster of Belleville; a sister, Joan (Bob) Moore of Florida; several nieces, nephews and cousins; 11 grandchildren, and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Garcia was a graduate of Belleville High School.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

SLIFCO, Robert

Robert James Slifco, 65, of Westcliffe, CO., formerly of Belleville, died Oct. 1.

Among his survivors are his wife of 27 years, LaDonna Theresa (Strugarek) Slifco; children, Cynthia (Kenny) Szymanski of Canton Township and

Domenic Slifco of Romulus; his mother, Katherine (Leveski) Slifco of Belleville; a brother, Pete (Julianne) Slifco of Livonia; a sister, Shirley Leatzau of Clawson, and grandchildren, Tyler and Ashley Slifco of Romulus.

Mr. Slifco was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville and Sacred-Heart Church in Grosse Ile.

He served in the United State Army and owned his own landscape company.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

ETHRIDGE, Marlene

Marlene Ethridge, 57, of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 24.

Among her survivors are her husband of nearly 21 years, Roy William Ethridge; sisters, Patricia Johnson of Taylor, Jeanette Szambelan and Diann F. Szambelan, both of Dearborn Heights, Angeline McMahon of South Rockwood and Dorothea (Laurence) Szubeczak of Detroit, several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service was celebrated at

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

**Present:** LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Charles Miller, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-350

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 12, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Romak.  
Motion Carried.

3. None.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A1. No Action Taken.

05-351

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and adopt a Resolution of Support for the Hannahville Indian Community as submitted by Economic Director, Tim Keyes:

**Whereas**, the City of Romulus previously adopted Resolution 03-163 and by referendum of the population of the City did approve the development of a casino project within the City of Romulus, Michigan; and

**Whereas**, the Hannahville Indian Community has brought to the City’s attention that it would be advantageous to explore developing a casino consistent with the provisions of the Indian Gaming regulatory Act.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved:** That the exploration of the submission of a Land into Trust application by the Hannahville. Indian Community is found to be in the best interest and is determined to be covered by the provision of Romulus Resolution 03-163.

**Be it Further Resolved:** That the City of Romulus welcomes and supports good faith negotiations with the Hannahville Indian Community with respect to the “casino project” referenced in the aforementioned Resolution 03-163.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays Burcroff.  
Motion Carried.

05-352

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to award Bid 04/05-11 Three (3) year contract for Security and Fire Sprinkler System Maintenance, to the only bidder, Tyco Fire and Security, a Simplex Grinnell authorized dealer.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-353

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to award Bid 04/05-34 Wide Format Print Copier to the lowest bidder, Ricoh Business Systems and grant authorization to enter into a thirty-six (36) month Standard Municipal lease at a cost of \$486.00 per month.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,

Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion carried Unanimously.

05-354

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to award Bid 05/06-08 Electrical Maintenance to the lowest bidder, Youtsey Electric at an hourly rate of \$36.00 per hour plus materials.

Roll Call Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-355

6A1 . Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to approve second reading and final adoption of an Amendment to the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Appendix B, Chapter 38, Romulus Employee Pension Plan, introduced at the Council Meeting held September 06, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-356

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 266-Parental Duties and Responsibilities, introduced at the Council Meeting held September 06, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-357

6A3. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth concur with the request from Planning Director, Cyndi Lyon and re-schedule Escrow Study Session for October 10, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-358

11 A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-18, in the amount of One Million, Eighty Five Thousand, Seventy Nine Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$1,085,079.45).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None,  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-359

11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-18E, in the amount of Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,750.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 26, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 26, 2005.

Linda Choate R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# Obituaries

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the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Sister Juliana Sobieski officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

### PETERSON, Julie

Julie Anne Peterson, 79, a 55-year resident of Van Buren Township, died Oct. 3. Among her survivors are her daughter, Julie Anne (Larry) Branscomb of Minnesota; a brother, Joe Bremer; a nephew, Johnny Bremer; four grandchildren, Jaelyn (Steve) Perez of Colorado, Kelly Branscomb of Minnesota, Matt (Stacey) Branscomb, also of

Minnesota, and David (Beth) Diebold of Iowa, and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Peterson formerly worked at Pinter's Flowers. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated a funeral mass for her. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

### SLIWA, Stanley

Stanley C. "Ski Cat" Sliwa, Jr., 68, of Sumpter Township, died Oct. 2. Among his survivors are his children,

Tina (Thomas) Stephanoff of Taylor, Cindy (Briant) Waddell, Sr. of Maybee and Mike Sliwa of Sumpter Township; a sister, Patricia Shephard of Belleville; grandchildren, Jay (April) Stephanoff of

Dearborn Heights, Briant Waddell, Jr. of Romulus and Dwayne Waddell of Maybee, and a great-grandson, Christopher Stephanoff of Dearborn Heights, *(See story page 5).*

## CITY OF ROMULUS CHAPTER 20 PARENTAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

An ordinance to amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Article IX, Section 266 (b), (c), (d), and (e),

### THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

- Section 1:

Short Title
- This ordinance shall be known and cited as an amendment to Parental Duties and Responsibilities.
- Section 2:

Section 266. subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) shall be repealed. and new subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) are hereby adopted to read as follows:
- (b): Every parent of a juvenile shall exercise sufficient control and supervision over the activities and conduct of the juvenile as are necessary to prevent the juvenile from becoming delinquent as defined in Michigan Probate Code or repeatedly violating any penal law or violating the Michigan Compulsory School Attendance Act.

(c): It shall be unlawful for any parent of a juvenile to willfully fail to exercise sufficient control and supervision over the activities and conduct of the juvenile, where such failure results in the juvenile becoming delinquent as defined in Michigan Probate Code or results in repeated violations of a penal law, or involves violations of the Michigan Compulsory School Attendance Act.

(d): Every parent of a juvenile shall assure that the juvenile is not repeatedly absent from school or other learning programs intended to meet the juvenile's educational needs, provided the absence is without valid excuse.

(e): It shall be unlawful for any parent of a juvenile to willfully fail to assure that the juvenile is not repeatedly absent from school or other learning programs intended to meet the juvenile's educational needs, provided the absence is without a valid excuse.
- Section 3:

Repealer
- All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.
- Section 4:

Severability
- Should any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection of this Article be declared void or otherwise invalid, for any reason, by any court, such declaration shall not affect any portion of this Article other than the part specifically declared to be void.
- Section 5:

Effective Date
- This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of September, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

ATTEST: Alan R. Lambert, Mayor

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: September 6, 2005  
Adopted: September 26, 2005  
Publish: October 13, 2005

## CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX B CHAPTER 38 ROMULUS EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

An Ordinance to amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances Chapter 38 Romulus Employee Pension Plan.

### THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

- Section 1:

Short Title
- This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Ordinance Amendment to Codify (A) Collectively Bargained Changes in Retirement Benefits for Union Employees and (B) Changes in Retirement Benefit Contributions for NonUnion Employees and elected City Officials under the Amended Romulus Employee Pension Plan.
- Section 2:

Section 38.3.1(b)(iv)(1) shall be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of this section:
- Effective July 1, 2005, the City contribution rate of eight and one-half percent (8.5%) shall be increased to nine and one-half percent (9.5%) for all non-union City employees and elected City officials.
- Section 38.3. 1 (b)(iv)(2) applicable to AFSCME participants shall be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of this section:
- Effective July 1, 2005, the City contribution rate shall be increased from eight and one-half percent (8.5%) to nine and one-half percent (9.5%).
- Section 38.3.1(b)(iv)(3) applicable to Teamster participants shall be amended by adding the following entry to the end of the chart at the end of the section:
- | <u>Effective Date</u> | <u>Contribution Rate</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| July 1, 2005          | 9.5%                     |
- Section 38.3.2(d) shall be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the second paragraph of this section:
- Effective July 1, 2005, the AFSME participants' rate of employee contribution shall be decreased from one and one-half percent (1.5%) to one-half a percent (.5%).
- Section 3:

Repealer
- All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.
- Section 4:

Savings
- All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.
- Section 5:

Severability
- Should any clause, sentence, paragraph, subsection or section of this Article be declared void or otherwise invalid, for any reason, by any court, such declaration shall not affect any portion of this Article other than the part specifically declared to be void.
- Section 6:

Effective Date
- This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of September, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

ATTEST: ALAN R. LAMBERT, MAYOR

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council, protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby by suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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# THE SCENE

## Also in theaters:

### In Her Shoes

Curtis Hanson (*8 Mile*, *L.A. Confidential*), directs this adaptation of the novel by Jennifer Weiner. Cameron Diaz stars as Maggie, the prototypical party girl and less than ideal roommate for her older sister Rose (Toni Collette). Comedy/Drama, rated PG-13. Not yet reviewed.

### Into the Blue

The beautiful cast and exotic scenery can't save the poor script of this overly long thriller, starring Paul Walker (*The Fast and the Furious*, *Varsity Blues*). Predictable and sometimes laughable plot twists abound, and co-star Jessica Alba (*Fantastic Four*, *Sin City*) proves her ability to fill out a swimsuit is her only consistent talent. —Jason Carmel Davis.

### A History of Violence

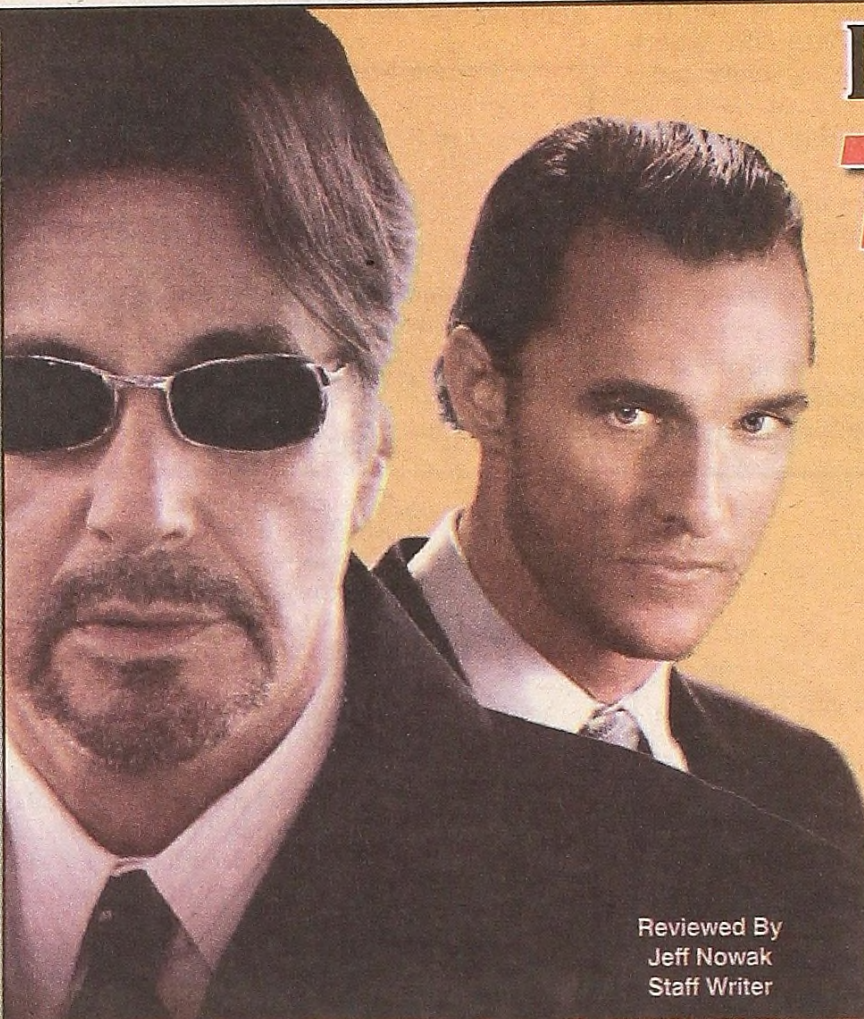
When Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen, *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, *Hidalgo*) efficiently and instinctively kills two robbers at his local diner, national interest draws more unwanted visitors to his small town. Soon, his family and friends are forced to wonder if Stall has another past as a mob man. Stall's steadfast, convincing denials create a compelling film. Director David Cronenberg (*Spider*, *Crash*), who adapted *History* from a graphic novel by John Wagner and Vince Locke, focuses the film on character rather than plot, to great effect. Maria Bello (*Secret Window*, *The Cooler*) hits all the right notes as Stall's anguished wife. —Scott Spielman.

### Corpse Bride

This macabre, stop-motion animated fairy tale from director Tim Burton certainly won't be confused with a Disney release. Victor (Johnny Depp, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Finding Neverland*) accidentally revives the long-dead Emily (Helena Bonham Carter, *Big Fish*), who becomes convinced he is her true love. Despite the grim backdrop, *Bride* is at times funny, romantic and naively sweet. —Meghan Chatham.

### Just Like Heaven

Not heavenly, but definitely worth seeing for a simple laugh. David (Mark Ruffalo, *Collateral*, *13 Going On 30*) sublets an apartment only to discover it is still inhabited by the spirit of the previous tenant, Elizabeth (Reese Witherspoon, *Vanity Fair*, *Sweet Home Alabama*). A corny plot sees the two fall in love and try to keep Elizabeth from disappearing forever. Jon Heder channels his *Napolean Dynamite* character in a funny supporting role as an occult bookstore employee. —Jeff Novak



Reviewed By  
Jeff Nowak  
Staff Writer



## Don't bet on

# TWO FOR THE MONEY

Going to the movies is a gamble.

The film industry is the arena in which a supposed blockbuster can fall off the charts quicker than Colin Farrell can drop his toga and sleepers can explode onto the scene like *Dynamite*.

Picking a winner sure isn't easy and, unfortunately, *Two For the Money* isn't the best bet out there.

*Two For the Money* is an inside look at the underworld of sports betting, starring Al Pacino as Walter Abrams who runs the biggest sports consulting operation in the country.

Sports betting is illegal in 49 states but that doesn't stop companies like Abrams' from "consulting" gamblers on how and how much to bet with Las Vegas bookies, and making lots and lots of money in the process.

Much like the way *Jerry Maguire* delved into the world of sport representation and showed the underbelly of a beast that nearly consumes the title character, *Two For the Money* does the same for the shady gambling business but without the clever script, the loveable characters, great acting or dialogue.

Abrams had me at: "Sports betting is a 200 billion-dollar industry," but lost me somewhere after he showed me the money. The loose script, with a lazy, nearly non-existent plot, didn't even come close to completing me.

So why even take a gamble on it? One word...Pacino.

He is brilliant and almost made me forget 2002's unpleasant *Simone*. But as good as he still is, he's unable to carry a poor script.

He even gets help from the hunky Mathew McConaughey who goes shirtless several times, making me regret having dessert after a dinner fortified with fat beforehand. Renee Russo, who makes me regret the same thing, plays Abrams' wife, Toni.

McConaughey stars as Brandon Lang, a former star college quarterback with an uncanny ability to predict the outcome of football games. This talent leads him on a new career path, going from recording messages for a Jessica Simpson hotline to the world of touting—helping gamblers decide what games to bet on. His high percentage catches the eye of Abrams who recruits him to his New York office.

Abrams grooms the ex-athlete into a superstar, but Lang is forced to shed his small-town personality for a big city alter ego, Jonathan Anthony, the million-dollar man.

The relationship between the two grows into a surrogate father-son bond as Abrams' bank account grows thanks to the Lang. Eventually they both go too far.

Abrams' manipulation of his protégé crosses the line as Lang gets too used to the high-roller lifestyle. Millions of dollars are on the line as Lang's golden touch begins to falter and Abrams' health wanes in what becomes a tricky game of con versus con.

Director D.J. Caruso (*Taking Lives*) and writer Dan Gilroy try to provide a positive happy ending but it will go unnoticed due to the lack of a cohesive bond throughout.

It's been proven time and time again that there are no safe wagers in the movie business, so I wouldn't bet the farm on *Two For the Money*. It's far from being a sure thing and odds are there is something more worthy of your scarce spare time and hard-earned money.

## Waiting may be too close to reality

The behind-the-scenes antics in restaurant kitchens throughout the country are about to be revealed.

*Waiting* not only reveals the conduct of those who serve, cook and bus in the "Shenanigan's" of life, but also the people who patronize restaurants.

Funny, but not overcooked, *Waiting* takes the audience through a dining experience that is a somewhat scary—but

mostly true—portrayal of any franchise restaurant. It serves up raunchy humor, expressions, acts, drugs and yes, even our worst restaurant nightmare: tampered food.

The main course is headwaiter Monty (Ryan Reynolds), known for his quirky comebacks and sarcastic remarks, who arrives at work only to be assigned the duty of training Mitch (John Francis Daley), a quiet newcomer.

To Monty, that means introducing him to the ways and characters of Shenanigan's: Monty's ex-hookup Serena (Anna Faris); bitter, yet smiling to the customers Naomi (Alanna Ubach); the all-knowing, but always confusing dishwasher Bishop (Chi McBride); crazy head cook Raddimus (Luis Guzman); the lesbian bartender; the shy waiter who's having trouble urinating and the two young stoner busboys, T-

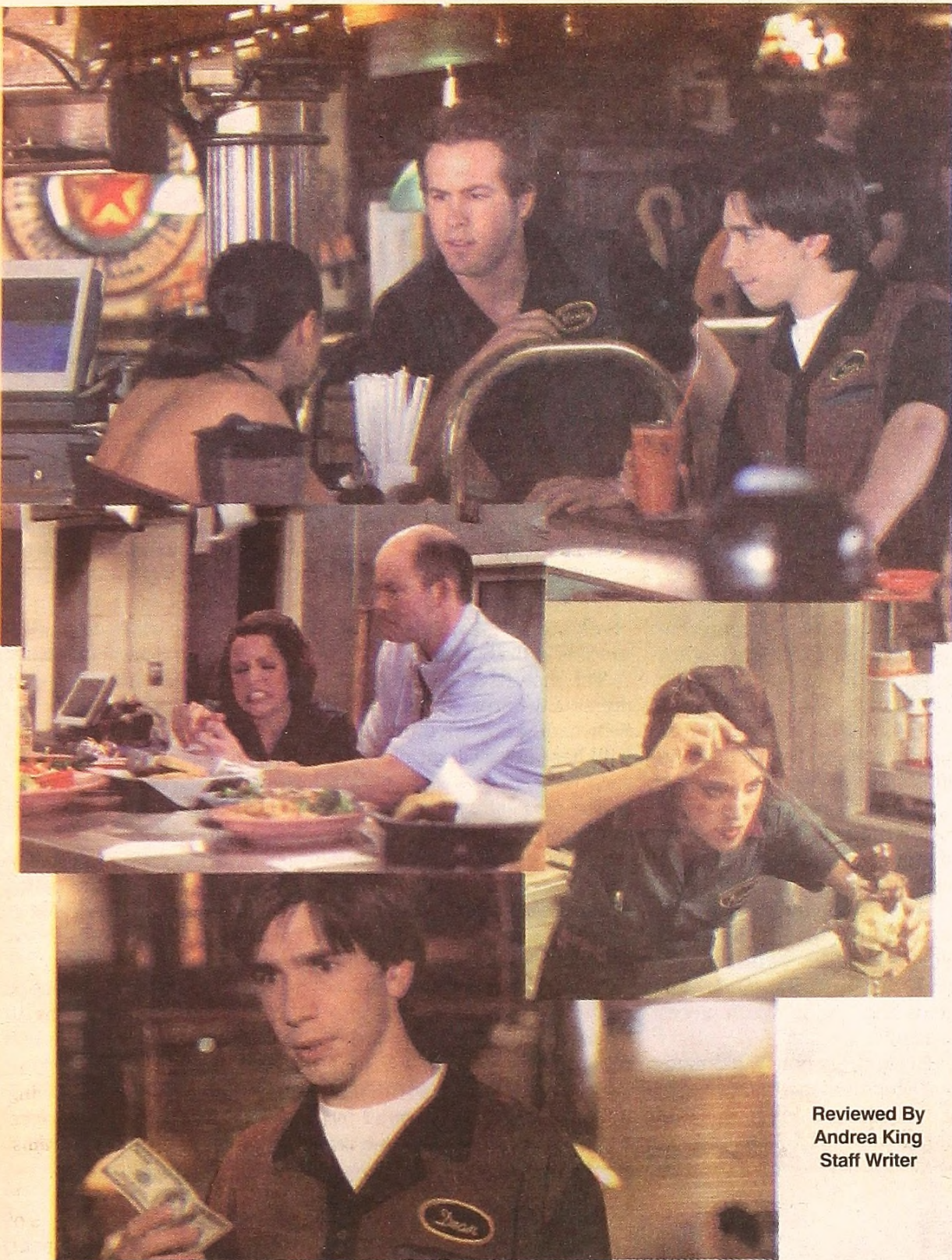
Dog (Max Kasch) and Nick (Andy Milonakis). It also means introducing Mitch to "the game", which involves flashing genitals at one another when they least expect it.

Meanwhile, Dean, played by Justin Long, is contemplating his four-year-long job at Shenanigan's. Is this all there is? He wonders. When he runs into Chett, an old high school

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# THE SCENE



Reviewed By  
Andrea King  
Staff Writer

## 13 Past Midnight set at State Wayne

Scott Spielman  
Editor

What would the Halloween season be without a little murder and mayhem?

Fortunately, those who support the Stage IV Theater group through the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department won't have to find out. The youth theater program is putting on a version of *Thirteen Past Midnight* from Oct. 21-23, according to Colleen Meyer, arts and entertainment supervisor for the City of Wayne.

The play, written by Billy St. John, revolves around a cast of soap opera stars who go to an all-night party to unwind. The party is designed to mimic those in films such as *Murder by Death*, where attendees have to solve a false murder. But one thing leads to another in *Thirteen Past Midnight* and the dummy corpse is replaced by a real victim.

"The producer actually makes one of the crew members so angry that someone murders him," Meyer said.

Meyer and Steven Rice are directing the play, which takes place at the State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue.

Show times are at 8 p.m. on Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 23. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens.

Members of the theater group are also currently practicing their next major production, a

rendition of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* that will take place in December.

The show mirrors the popular animated version released during the 1990s. Meyer said that one of the things that made it so popular – elaborate props and beautiful costumes – also make the production an expensive one to put on.

So she and members of the Stage Door fundraising group are looking for sponsorships to help offset the costs. Donations can be as little as \$30 for a business card ad in the program book up to \$4,000, which will get a full page ad in the book, a mention on all upcoming flyers, newspaper ads and on the cover of the book as well as the option to display business flyers in the theater lobby. A business that contributes that much will also get a full-page ad in the next four production programs and eight ticket vouchers.

Anyone who wants to sponsor the program can call Meyer at (734) 721-7400, ext. 1317.

### BACK PAIN?

A free report is now available to local back pain sufferers that is entitled, "*How To Eliminate Most Back Pains Without Exercise, Medication, And Surgery.*" For your free copy, call 1-888-808-4299. (Toll-Free 24-Hour Recorded Message)

## Waiting

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classmate who is a highly paid electrical engineer, it doesn't help the situation. Monty, who cares more about partying and getting laid than having a serious future, tries to help his friend, roommate and coworker cope by throwing a series of advice and parties his way.

Dean is also offered the assistant management position, but eventually realizes that he doesn't want to turn out like his oh-so-

serious boss Dan (David Koechner) and decides to find his own path; words of encouragement from the wise dishwasher.

Of course it wouldn't be a movie about a restaurant without a slew of bad customers who either don't tip (meaning 10 percent or less for all you out there) or are constantly complaining about the service, food and timing no matter how good or bad the dining experience really is. It's an experience that writer and director Rob McKittrick obviously lived through.

Since I, too, was sucked into

the vortex of a Shenanigan's for more than six years, I can relate to the "double" shifts, whacked-out customers and employees and hearing and dealing with the melodramas of others' lives (which I didn't want to know about but always did anyhow).

For anyone who's worked in a restaurant or still does, this comedy will hit a nerve so close to home you'll think the movie was filmed in your city.

But if you're looking for a complex plot, you won't find it here; just stupid humor at the expense of other people and other people's food.

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## THE SCENE

## Local artists featured in Canton exhibition

Kevin Hill  
Staff Writer

Some of Kathleen Montgomery's colored pencil drawings can be so realistic they can easily be mistaken for photographs. It's an art that takes a lifetime to master.

"I've just drawn ever since I've been little," she said, modestly.

The Plymouth resident is among 38 artists who are exhibiting pieces in several categories at the 13th Annual Fine Arts Exhibition at the Village Theater in Canton.

The month-long, juried exhibition, which opened to the public Oct. 7, is one of the best shows in Southeast Michigan, said Linda Shapona, the exhibition chair. It's also a good chance to see familiar subjects by nearby artists.

Montgomery's drawing is called "End of the Line," and depicts an old railroad track dead ending at present-day Livonia Greenmead historical museum area. She said Michigan is a very inspirational place to work, and she looked forward to meeting other artists at the showing. A previous entry, "Polarity" won Best of Show at the Canton exhibition in 2002. The representational work features an aging black and white photograph lying near an old

pair of shoes atop a family quilt. Objects and portraits intrigue her, and she said she is always interested in how a subject affects the painting.

"Just the tilt of an eye or the arch of an eyebrow can totally change a look," she said. "It's a challenging subject."

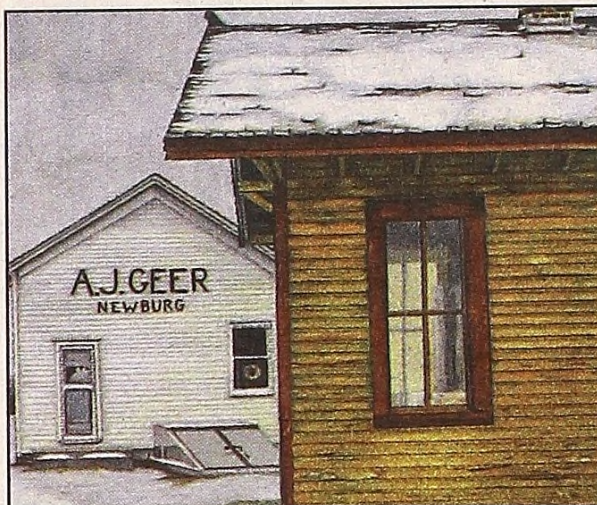
Contrast Montgomery's work with that of John McLaughlin, whose abstract piece, "The Garden," received an honorable mention at the artists' reception Oct. 6.

"I started taking it more seriously a few years ago," McLaughlin said about his art. He began submitting pieces for exhibitions in the area only recently. Last year, at the Birmingham "Our Town" show, he won a merit award for another entry.

His art, which frequently returns to collage techniques, lends itself to wide interpretation. If viewers can't quite figure his intentions, they might be relieved to know that sometimes, neither can he.

"I don't have much idea in mind when I start painting," he said. "People can see different things in it. To me, it's pure emotional. It's exciting art."

McLaughlin teaches painting to children 10 and under, but he said that a lot of the time, they end up teaching him about approaching art.



Kathleen Montgomery of Plymouth is showing "End of the Line" at the 13th Annual Canton Fine Arts exhibition. The colored pencil drawing recreates a scene from historic Greenmead in Livonia.

"They don't have any preconceived ideas. They just go for it," he said. "I mostly stay out of the way."

Still, finding the right mixture for collage takes quite some effort.

"It doesn't come easy for me. I work pretty hard at it. It's a lot of time in the basement and away from the family."

He has the support of his wife, Melissa, who is a township trustee, and his children. He said his youngest son, Brian, helps him decide which pieces to exhibit.

He said his honorable mention keeps him motivated.

"It means a lot to me. It's pretty important," he said. "It

gives me an excuse to keep working in the basement."

The show itself means a lot to artists in the area, such as Susan Schwandt, who took third place with her quilt piece, "Unlocking Circles."

She also exhibited a quilt in Canton in 2003, and the experience spurred her to think of her work as more than a hobby. Fiber pieces are not often recognized as fine art, but the Canton exhibition is a very inclusive mixed media show. Schwandt said the respect and sensitivity to the arts was inspirational.

"I was absolutely thrilled. I never dreamed that I could be accepted," she said. She kept



"The Garden," an abstract collage by Canton artist John McLaughlin, received an honorable mention at the show, which continues through Oct. 30.

her name tag, which identified her as "Susan Schwandt, Artist" as a reminder that she had reached an important level.

"It was such a pivotal moment for me in my artistic development," she said. "I really started to develop a creative artist's mindset."

Troy artist Luzhen Qui took first place with a painting called "Gold Fish II." Andrea Tama of Farmington Hills took second for her work, "Sunflower."

The show is free to the public through Oct. 30. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 and 22; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29; and 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30.



## SERVICE Above Self

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The exchange is designed to develop professional and leadership skills, and to better prepare participants to address the global needs of their own communities when they return. It's a month-long program in which participants will travel throughout the district, engage in professional exchanges, and tour business and cultural facilities they would never see as a tourist. All travel and housing costs (and most other expenses) are covered by The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians.

## Details

- Rotarians, children and grandchildren of Rotarians are not allowed to apply.
- Applicants must be currently employed, and must be within an age range of 25 to 40 in order to have maximum long-term career impact.
- Applicants must work or reside within the above-named counties.
- Applications are due by November 1, 2005. Further information and application forms are on the Rotary District 6400 website ([www.rotary6400.org/programs/gse.htm](http://www.rotary6400.org/programs/gse.htm)). For more information, contact GSE Committee Chair Bruce Goldsen at [bgoldsen@rocketmail.com](mailto:bgoldsen@rocketmail.com), or call (517) 787-9546.



SPORTS

Chiefs run past Wildcats, 42-7

Jason Carmel Davis  
Staff Writer

It wasn't supposed to be like last year.

That's when Canton blasted Plymouth, 74-14, in the battle between the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football teams.

Plymouth came into last Friday's showdown with a better mark than their counterparts, and for a half, it looked as though things might be different.

The Chiefs (5-2, 3-2 Western Lakes Athletic Association) and Wildcats (5-2, 3-2) were in a scoreless tie going into the locker room, until junior running back Deshon McClendon raced into the end zone on a 37-yard screen pass, giving his Chiefs a 7-nothing lead with just under two minutes left in the first half. That score set the tone for the rest of the game, as Canton went on to take the victory, 42-7.

"That run after the catch was amazing," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "Deshon spun out of a tackle and broke another

one. He played a great game."

Plymouth was down by that same margin coming out of the locker room, but the Chiefs adjusted to the Wildcats defense. The rout was on as Canton found paydirt on their first three possessions of the second half.

Running back Dalton Walser capped off a six-play, 56-yard drive with a 20-yard run to give the Chiefs a 14-0 advantage. On their next possession, Canton went 72 yards and took a 21-0 lead on a 27-yard scamper from McClendon. The Chiefs built a seemingly insurmountable 28-nothing lead when McClendon trotted into the end zone on a 23-yard run.

"Offensively, we just changed the scheme of two or three plays," Baechler said. "That made all the difference. Things just started popping for us."

Two more scores on the ground put Canton up, 42-0. The Chiefs were able to rack up 384 yards in the victory, while their defense limited Plymouth to 172



Canton's senior halfback Andy Rossow (31) finds an opening in his teams' 42-7 victory against cross campus rivals Plymouth last Friday. Photo by Andy Rubenstein.

yards.

Baechler said the win was big for his group. It gave him an idea of where his squad is at this late in the season, too.

"We won our first game, and we thought, 'Shoot, we're pretty good,'" Baechler said. "Then we lost our quarterback for three games and we lost two of those. Now we've won three straight.

"(Plymouth's) a good team, and we feel like this win gave us some of our confidence back."

The Wildcats avoided the shut out when senior quarterback Brent Jones connected with senior tight end Josh Le Duc for a 13-yard score late in the contest.

McClendon filled up the stat sheet. The back rushed for 144

yards and two scores on 18 carries. That comes out to an astounding eight yards per carry average. He also recorded 12 tackles and an interception. His mates in the backfield—Andy Rossow and Walser—rushed for 55 and 49 yards, respectively. Both also found the end zone in

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Wayne Memorial's senior running back Andrew Crushshon was the Zebras' bright spot in the team's 42-14 loss to Franklin last Friday night. Crushshon finished the night with 182 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries.

Franklin spoils Wayne's homecoming

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Good things are supposed to happen during homecoming weekend. They didn't in Wayne when Franklin, the only undefeated team in the ultra-tough Western Lakes conference, came to town Friday night.

It looked like Wayne was going to keep pace with the Patriots after the first quarter—they only trailed, 9-6. But the Patriots blew things wide open in the third to spoil Wayne's day, 42-14.

Wayne went three-and-out in the game's opening drive. Franklin blocked the punt and recovered it on Wayne's 22-yard line. Franklin's senior quarterback Matt McCullough turned it

in to a field goal for a 3-0 lead.

The Zebras countered on their next possession when senior running back Andrew Crushshon busted through the middle to go 44 yards to pay dirt. Wayne took the lead, 6-3.

Wayne's lead didn't last long as Franklin's Taylor Hurst escaped tacklers for a 93-yard jaunt to the end zone, making it 9-6 at the end of the first.

The pace of the game slowed down until Franklin's DJ Tracy pounded one in from two yards out to give the Patriots' a 16-6 advantage with about 2:24 left in the half.

Then McCullough got hot, hitting wideout Justin Bending for an 85-yard trip to the end zone with 38 seconds left in the half. The drive started after a

recovered Wayne fumble. McCullough struck again when he connected with Devon Brown for a 69-yard score. The score was 30-6 with 11:10 left in the third.

Hurst made it 36-6 with a 44-yard run this time.

Wayne got on the board again at about the seven minute mark when Crushshon capped off an 80-yard drive with a three-yard run. He came right back and scored the two-point conversion to make it a 36-14 game.

Franklin closed the door in the final two minutes when Phil Raske scored from one yard out.

McCullough finished the night 6-10 for 230 yards.

Crushshon led all rushers with 182 yards on 25 carries.

Inkster overcomes Romulus

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Romulus. Check.

Inkster crossed off another team last week in their search for an undefeated league season.

Romulus put up a good fight against the Lady Vikings last Tuesday but Inkster still pulled out a 65-59 victory.

Inkster fought their way out of a 12-5 hole after the first quarter. They outscored Romulus, 15-7, in the second to overtake the lead, 20-19.

Then Inkster went on a 22-7 tear in the third to take a 15-point lead.

Then it was Romulus' turn to fight back. They did and took over the lead with about three minutes left in the game.

"Romulus challenged us pretty well with their quickness and they worked harder than we did," said Inkster Coach Peggy Carr. "We had to mix up our defense."

Carr said Terrell took over the game in the final minutes, scoring four baskets in transition to help secure the victory. Terrell finished with 16 points and six assists to lead the Lady Vikes. Michelle Carr recorded another double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Charman Blesett added 13 points.

Landria Buckley led the Lady Eagles with 18 points. Erica Wasson added 14 and Alysa Long, 12.

"We were down by 15 and we had to fight back," said Romulus

Coach Candice Finley. "We were up with about three minutes left but we missed some free throws and we missed some rebounds and Inkster executed on those things."

"Overall the girls played hard," she added. "We just couldn't pull it out. In the end, I'm proud of the girls."

Turnovers are still a trouble spot for the Lady Eagles.

"We're not a tall team and that hurts us some times," Finley said, "but we're getting better at it."

**Romulus 55, Monroe 79**

Troubles continued for the Lady Eagles when they fell, 79-55, to Monroe on the road last Thursday.

Romulus couldn't contain Monroes' scoring and trailed 34-23 at the half. Both teams came out shooting in the second half, scoring a combined 45 points in the third quarter. Monroe, with their 24 points, extended their lead to 58-44 at the end of the third. They outscored Romulus again, 21-11, in the final frame for the win.

"They are a great shooting team from top to bottom," Finley said. "We turned over a lot in that game. Only four girls scored in the game so there was some sort of mental breakdown on our part."

Buckley led the team with 22, including four straight jumpers in the third.

Wasson added 13, Long, 10 and

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SPORTS

# Belleville Tigers outlast Fordson, 26-20, in overtime

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It hasn't been the season that the Belleville Tigers had hoped for on the gridiron, but in the two games they have won this season they've come up big.

In a rivalry match up against Dearborn Fordson they came up huge to capture a 26-20 victory in overtime.

Things looked bleak for Belleville when Fordson went up, 20-13, with about four minutes left in regulation, but Belleville controlled the final minutes of the game, driving the ball down field. With about 47 seconds left in the game, Belleville quarterback Josh Lemons hit wideout Mike Donaldson for a 25-yard touchdown to knot the score, according to Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe.

"It was only supposed to be a first-down play," he said. "But Donaldson broke it

open for a touchdown." Fordson regained possession for the final seconds and ran out the clock, sending the game into overtime.

The Tractors had the first opportunity to score in overtime but failed on a fourth-and-two play. Belleville strong safety Phil Sullens came up big and refused Fordson to cross the goal line.

Then it was the Tigers' turn. Belleville's first two running attempts failed to get them into the end zone. On the third they received a penalty that moved them back to the 17-yard line. Lemons tossed up a pass and Donaldson came down with it for the win.

"The kids really hung in there and we got the offense going and pulled it out," LaPointe said. "There was a lot of team tackling and the defense played well as a team, making a lot of good stops."

The offense got things rolling in the sec-

ond quarter when Carlos Clark rushed 58 yards for a score to make it a 7-0 game. Fordson knotted things up at 7.

Just before the half, Lemons moved the offense down to the 7-yard line and later found pay dirt from a foot out. The extra point attempt was no good but Belleville led, 13-7, at halftime.

Fordson led off the third quarter with a 75-yard drive that resulted in a score, which put them on top, 14-13.

They extended the lead in the fourth, 20-13. But the rest was up to Belleville as they sent the game into overtime for the win.

Lemons threw for 178 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Donaldson caught five passes for 126 yards and two TDs. Clark finished the night with 167 yards

rushing and a score. Belleville's defense came up big at key times but they had a difficult time containing Fordson's running back Kassem Hojeije, who rushed 58 times for 321 yards and two touchdowns.

The Tigers' 2-5 record, with only two games left, mathematically puts them out of the playoff picture. But that won't stop them from playing their hearts out, according to LaPointe.

"As long as there's another game to play," he said, "the kids play like there's always hope."

Belleville hosts Dearborn at 7 p.m. tomorrow. They finish off the season with a home game against Romulus at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21.

# Vikings conquer Willow Run

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Inkster Vikings showed what kind of team they really are this last week.

They were without their starting quarterback. They were still missing their starting and arguably their best defensive player at nose guard. And they were without the leadership of their head coach Greg Carter this past Friday night.

All of that didn't matter as they still managed a 26-14 victory against Willow Run.

Sophomore starting quarterback Aaron Shavers has been out for several weeks with an injury.

Inkster's starting nose guard Dominique Ware has also been out with an injury. He's a big part of the defense, having played on two state championship teams at DePorres before the school closed last spring.

Carter was unable to coach this past week because he was ejected in the final minutes of the Robichaud game the previous week. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rules restrict coaches from participating in the next game if they are ejected from the previous one.

With three big pieces of the puzzle missing, Inkster needed other players to step up and make plays, against Willow Run.

And they did.

Anre Goree replaced Shavers as the quarterback. He connected with Renty Rollins for a 20-yard score. Rico McCoy also stepped up and scored twice from 35 and five yards out.

Running back Troy Singleton earned 80 tough yards on the ground for the Vikings. He also stepped up on defense as a corner-back/safety. He recovered a fumble and returned it 20 yards for a score.

Javier Reed also had a strong defensive game, nabbing two interceptions in the win.

The offense and defense coordinators pooled their talent together in Carter's absence to lead the team to their fifth victory of the season.

"This was the first time that I called a game in several years," said Mac Jones, Inkster's offensive coordinator. "The kids came through."

"Anre had a fine game," he added. "He's getting better and better. We needed the dimension to throw the ball and he's done that. We're playing better defense and now we're scoring a little better."

The Vikes are one game away from securing a playoff spot with two games left. They host a struggling young Romulus Eagles squad at 1 p.m. on Saturday. They finish off the season at Grosse Ile at 7 p.m. next Friday.

"We only need one but we want to finish strong," Carter said. "Romulus is a defensive team and they have a young, talented tailback. We want to keep the offense off the field. I just hope we don't get caught up with it being homecoming week."

If they beat one or both of the teams they will have earned their way to the playoffs.

"The way I see it is that things are good," Jones said, "and we're only going to get better."

# Plymouth Whalers win 2

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers came from behind twice to defeat cross-river rivals the Windsor Spitfires this past Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

John Vigilante's power-play goal at the 4:16 mark of the third period proved to be the game winner as Plymouth came back from 3-1 and 4-2 deficits to defeat the Spitfires, 6-5.

Vigilante led their attack with two goals and an assist as the game's first star. James Neal assisted on three goals as the second star. Ryan McGinnis, John Armstrong, Andrew Fournier and Dan Collins each scored one goal in the victory.

Paul McFarland scored twice for

Windsor with Brett Liscomb, Brad Snetsinger and Ryan Garlock adding singles.

The win boosted the Whalers' record above the .500 mark to 3-2-1-0.

Plymouth also defeated the Sudbury Wolves, 6-3, at home the night before.

Ryan Nie was brilliant in net for Plymouth, stopping 50 shots in the win. Special teams also had a big part in the contest as the Whalers' penalty killers went 8-for-9 while shorthanded.

On offense, Mike Letizia led the assault with a pair of goals. Cory Tanaka and Armstrong scored their first goals of the season while Vigilante and Neal also added a goal each.

The Whalers are home against Oshawa on Friday and Sarnia on Sunday. Both games are scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. face off.

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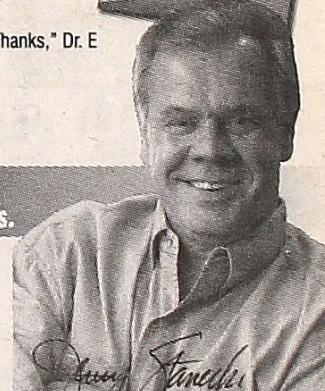
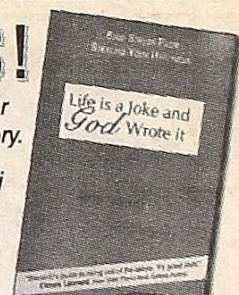
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# SPORTS

## Sports briefs

### Comedy night to benefit Northville High School Hockey

The Northville High School Hockey boosters will present, "Laugh Your Skates Off", a full night of comedy, entertainment and dancing at 7:00PM Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall located at 19801 Farmington Rd. in Livonia.

Slated to perform are nationally renowned comedians Steve Sabo and Michigan native, Bill Bushart.

This year's presentation is a one-night encore event after last years sold-out show raised funds for both the Boys and Girls Hockey Clubs at Northville High School. Tickets are \$50 and include open bar, pizza and snacks, as well as door prizes and dancing after the comedy show.

Portions of the ticket price are tax deductible and are available by contacting Karl Ziomek at (248)347-4383.

### Stevenson tops Lady 'Stangs

It was a battle to the end but Northville hoopsters couldn't hang in the 33-31 loss at home to Livonia Stevenson on Thursday.

Simone Toney scored 9 and Danielle Toney eight with four steals for Northville.

### Canton's swim and dive team tops Franklin

Canton won all but one event at host Livonia Franklin's pool.



The Plymouth Lady Wildcats defeated Walled Lake Northern, 46-31, last Thursday at home. Six-foot freshman Shaakira Haywood (above, 33) dominated inside for the 'Cats with 15 points—11 of them in the second quarter during a 15-0 spree. Seniors Jeanine Moise and Kim Olech each had 15 points, too. Moise recorded a double-double with 11 rebounds.

The team of Molly Dowd, Ali Lindow, Laura Landis and Katie Kubacki won the 200-yard medley relay (2:08.26). Paige McBain, Chelsea Selden, Paige Solo and Louise Kane were first in the 200 freestyle medley (1:57.78). And Landis, Alissa Vermuelen, Dowd and Bleasser beat Franklin in the 400 freestyle relay (4:10.97).

Monica Bleasser won the 200

freestyle (2:04.68) and the 100 breaststroke (1:17.66). Dowd finished first in the 200 medley (2:32.27). Landis won the 50 freestyle (27.94) and the 500 freestyle (5:52.71). Ashley McClellan was tops in the 100 butterfly (1:15.41) and Maddy McDuff the 100 backstroke (1:14.52). Selden won the diving competition with 169.20 points.

## Rocks roll past Chargers

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It's not too often that a football team at any level has a better win percentage on the road than at home.

The Salem Rocks have had difficulties winning games on their home turf. They actually haven't won any. But they have won three of their four road games this season.

Technically, they are perfect on the road.

Salem shares a football field with brother high schools Canton and Plymouth. And their one loss that was considered an away game actually took place on their own field against the neighboring Plymouth Wildcats.

So with wins against Pinckney, John Glenn and Churchill—most recently—they have a perfect travel record.

Against Churchill last Friday it might be safe to say that it was a one-man show as senior quarterback Kevin Bradley scored all four touchdowns in the Rocks' 28-14 victory.

But it wouldn't be fair to say that, according to Salem Coach Bob Cummings.

"We ran the option and the offensive line did a great job for it to work," he said. "The first half of the game was a great football game for us. It was one of those days when things went right for us."

The offensive line consists of

David Hutchinson, Mark Skotak, Joe Sander, Brian Baumgart and Andrew Kirby as well as tight ends Tyler Root and Chris Handstad.

Without them Bradley's success would not have been possible, according to Cummings.

Bradley scored three times in the first quarter to give the Rocks a 21-0 lead.

He added his fourth and final score in the second frame for a 28-0 half-time lead. All together Bradley racked up 275 yards on 26 carries. He also went 2-for-3 in the air for 48 yards.

Churchill managed to score in each of the final quarters to make it a 28-14 game.

The Rocks' 3-4 record has put them out of the playoff scenario. That doesn't mean the players will just lay down for their final two contests. There's plenty to still look forward to in their final two games against Plymouth and Canton, according to Cummings.

"The kids are working really hard," he said. "With Plymouth and Canton coming up it keeps the kids going because they want to win those games."

Salem will be considered the home team this Friday in the rematch against Plymouth, which will also be their homecoming game.

Plymouth won the first round, 42-7, in week two.

Salem 's season finale will be against the Canton Chiefs at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21.

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# SPORTS

## Eagles fall to Highland Park

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

When the Romulus Eagles hosted Highland Park last Friday it was expected to be a gridiron blowout in favor of the Polar Bears.

But it wasn't.

Although their offense never really got going, Romulus' defense stepped up and kept the game close until the final minutes of the game.

The contest was manageable through the first 46 minutes when Highland Park only led 8-0. But, with about two minutes left, Romulus quarterback Larry Horne forced a pass that was intercepted and returned for a touchdown. The Bears made good on a two-point conversion for a 16-0 lead.

The final two minutes weren't enough for the Eagles to put together two scores to win.

Before the interception Romulus blocked a Highland Park field goal attempt that they picked up and returned for a touchdown. If the referee hadn't called it back it would have made the game at least 8-6, according to Romulus Coach Wade Cook.

"I voiced my opinion about the call but the referee told me that you can't advance a blocked field goal," he said. But that's the type of season that we've had; everything we do goes against us some how."

The Eagles did keep possession from where they recovered the blocked kick but it was deep in their own territory with about five minutes left in the fourth. That led to the interception the Bears scored the winning touchdown on.

The defense played well, holding Highland Park in check for most of the first half.

The first quarter went scoreless and Romulus held the Bears off until the final seconds of the second quarter. With two seconds remaining, Highland Park landed on the Eagles' 2-yard line. On the next play, they were in for the score, Cook said.

Romulus managed to block the extra point attempt to keep it a 6-0 game at the half.

Then in the third Romulus muffed a punt return and ended up starting their series from their 12-yard line. Highland Park sacked Horne in the end zone for a safety, making it an 8-0 game.

Cook said his offense never got going. Highland Park keyed on sophomore running back Mario Crawford and held him to just 52 yards.

"The kids played well, especially the defense," Cook said. "They had a lot of good stops and played well the entire game."

"The kids felt good," he added. "They felt like they deserved to win."

The Eagles head to Inkster at 1 p.m. on Saturday.



Plymouth's quarterback Brent Jones, and the rest of the Wildcats couldn't get it done against Canton last Friday. Photo by Andy Rubenstein.

## Chiefs

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the contest.

Le Duc turned in a solid

performance for Plymouth, as the senior caught four passes for 60 yards and a score. He also ran for 26 yards on two carries.

Both squads still need one win to qualify for the playoffs.

Canton's next test is a road tussle with Walled Lake Central, while Plymouth will square off with Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Salem. Both games take place at 7 p.m. tomorrow night.

## Hoops

FROM PAGE 13

Amanda Collins, seven.

Things won't get any easier for the Lady Eagles. They started a five-game road trip this week and face a tough Southgate team at 7 p.m. tonight.

Inkster 59, Wyandotte 31

Last Thursday, Inkster didn't have too many problems defeating Mega foes Wyandotte, 59-31.

Michelle Carr led all scorers with 15 and recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds. Lonnie Terrell scored 13 points and assisted on six other baskets. Charman Blesett added 11 and Victoria McGowan scored 10 for Inkster.

Although the Lady Vikings have made it look easy so far this season, they will host the mighty Monroe team at 7 p.m. tonight.

"This game will be our test," Carr said. "They're a really good shooting team. They don't really have a post player and run their offense from the perimeter and that concerns me. We're playing good right now but our defense needs to get better."

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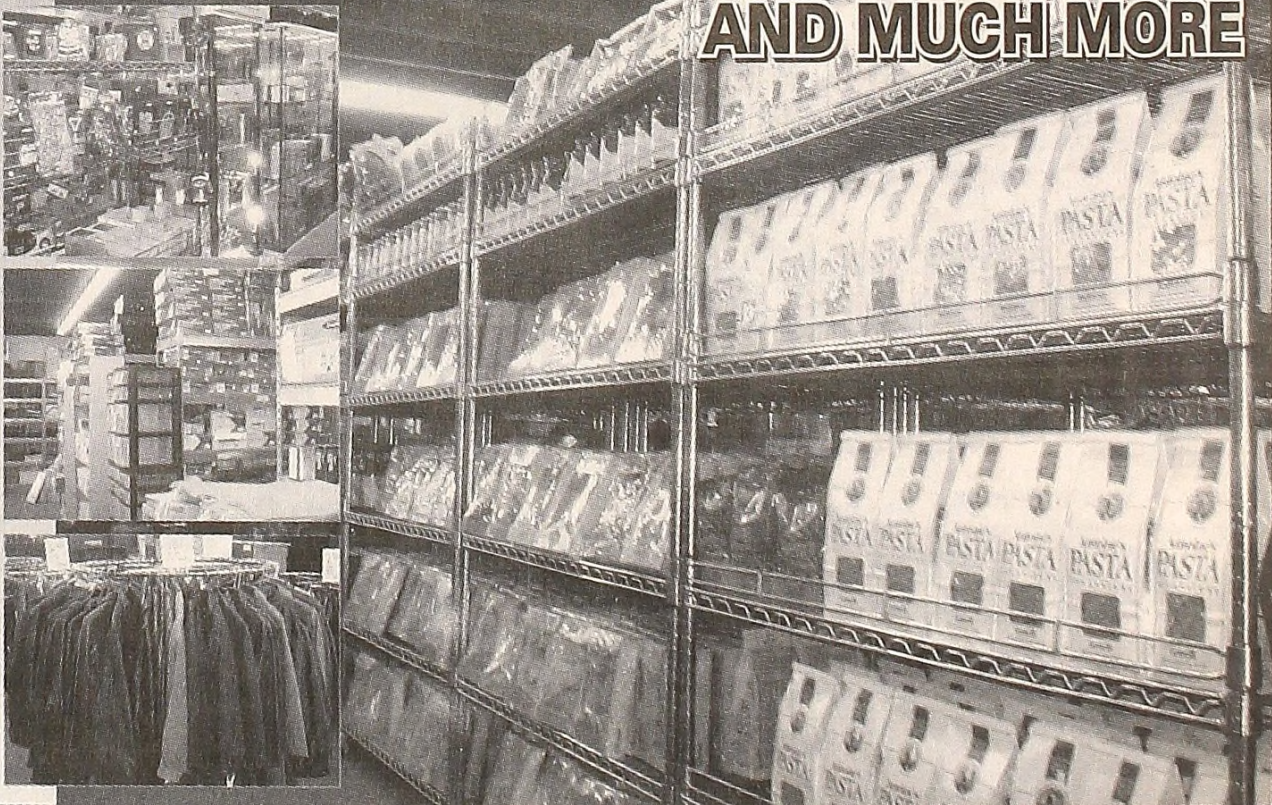
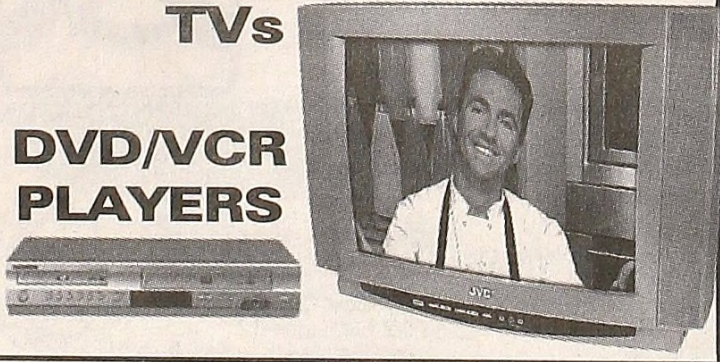
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He is survived by three sons, Larry Bastedo of Naples, Garry (Janet) Bastedo of Ypsilanti, and Bill Bastedo of Naples; two daughters, Elizabeth (Richard) McCash of Naples and Lisa (Jim) Penner of Maui, Hawaii; four grandchildren, Dr. Christopher McCash of Ft. Myers, Florida, Dr. Linda Beaber of Ft. Myers, Stacey Bastedo of Naples and Chelsea Penner of Maui; and one great-grandson, Jonathan Reitan of Belleville.

Don is preceded in death by his wife Eleanor, son Gilbert and grandson Mark.

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- Italian Tortellini Soup**
- 1 large onion, chopped
  - 4 carrots, sliced
  - 2 stalks celery, sliced
  - 3 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 Tablespoon dried thyme (crushed) or 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
  - 1 carton (32 oz.) chicken broth
  - 2 medium zucchini, sliced
  - 4 Italian plum tomatoes, chopped
  - 1½ cups frozen cheese-filled tortellini
  - 1 can (15 oz.) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
  - Grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Place onion, carrots, celery, garlic, thyme and 2 cups broth in saucepot. Heat to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat 10 minutes or until onion is tender. Add remaining broth, zucchini, tomatoes, tortellini and beans. Heat to a boil. Cover. Cook 15 minutes or until tortellini is done. Serve with grated Parmesan cheese if desired.

Serves 8

**Easy French Onion Soup**

This is one of the best, quick onion soups ever. With a salad, and some crusty bread, it makes a wonderful, quick meal.

- 2 Tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 large onion, sliced
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- 1 10 ½-ounce can beef bouillon
- 1 ¼ cups water
- 2 Tablespoons French's Worcestershire Sauce

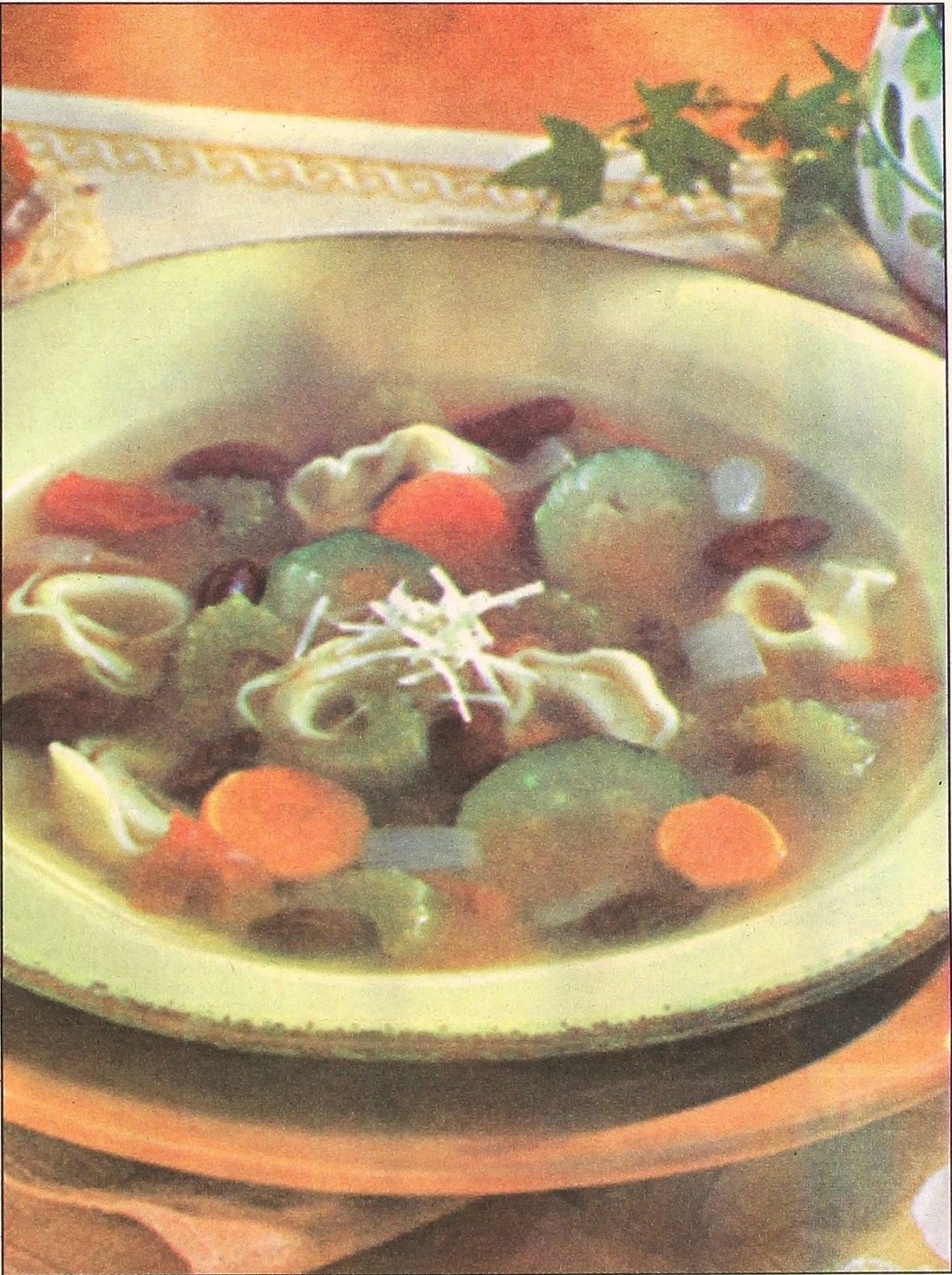
Melt the butter in a medium-size saucepan. Add onion and sugar; cook and stir 5 to 10 minutes until lightly browned. Add bouillon, water and Worcestershire Sauce; simmer for 10 to 15 minutes.

- Deluxe French Onion Soup**
- 4 slices French or pumpernickel bread
  - Easy French Onion Soup (above)
  - ½ cup Swiss cheese, shredded
  - 1 Tablespoon Parmesan cheese, grated

Arrange bread on baking sheet; bake in 300-degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes, until crisp and dry. Spoon soup into four oven-proof serving dishes; top each with one slice bread and sprinkle generously with cheese mixture. Place under broiler for 2 to 3 minutes to melt cheese. For soup bowls which are not oven-proof, toast bread as directed. Add cheese and broil, then place on hot soup. Makes four servings.

- Corn Chowder**
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
  - 1 cup diced cooked ham
  - ½ cup chopped onion
  - ½ cup chopped celery
  - ½ cup chopped green or red pepper
  - 2 cups canned chicken broth
  - 1 cup diced raw potato
  - 1/8 teaspoons pepper
  - 1 ½ cups milk
  - ½ cup heavy cream
  - 1 17-ounce can whole kernel corn
  - 1 2-ounce jar sliced pimientos, drained
  - Paprika

Melt butter in a large saucepan. Saute ham 5 minutes and set aside. Saute onion, celery and green pepper until onion is transparent. Add chicken broth, potatoes and pepper. Cover and cook over moderate heat about 20 minutes or until potatoes are just tender. Add milk, cream, corn, reserved ham and pimientos. Reduce heat and cook until thoroughly heated. Do



not boil. Spoon into bowls and garnish each serving with paprika. Makes six servings.

- Golden Cheese Soup**
- ¼ cup butter
  - ½ cup shredded carrot
  - 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
  - 1 Tablespoon instant minced onion or 3 Tablespoons fresh chopped onion
  - 1 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon
  - ¼ teaspoon salt

- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- ¼ teaspoon curry powder (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups milk
- ¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded American cheese
- ½ cup beer

In heavy, 2-quart saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Saute carrots in melted butter until tender (5 to 7 min-

utes). Remove from heat; stir in flour, onion, bouillon, and seasonings until well combined. Slowly stir in milk and hot pepper sauce until smooth. Return to heat. Add cheese. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Boil gently for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Reduce heat; add beer and heat through. Serve immediately. Makes four servings.

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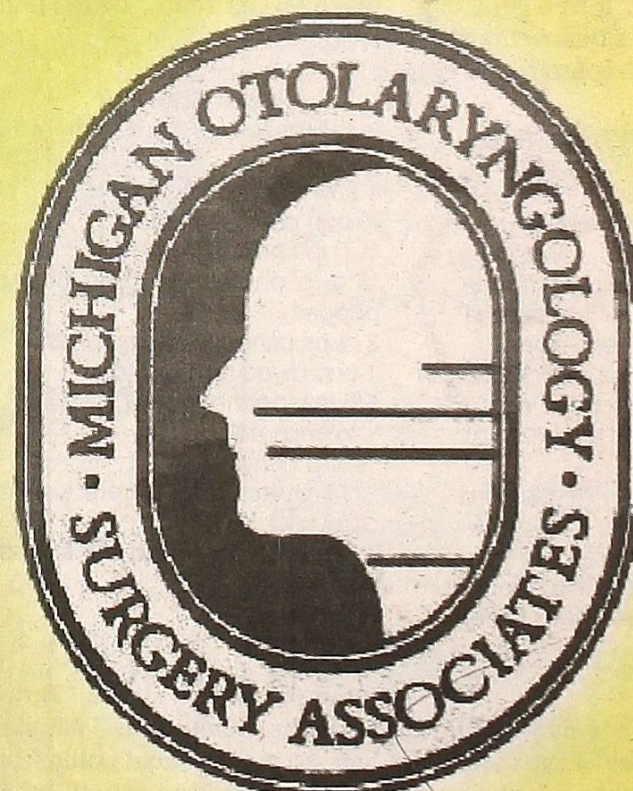
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